



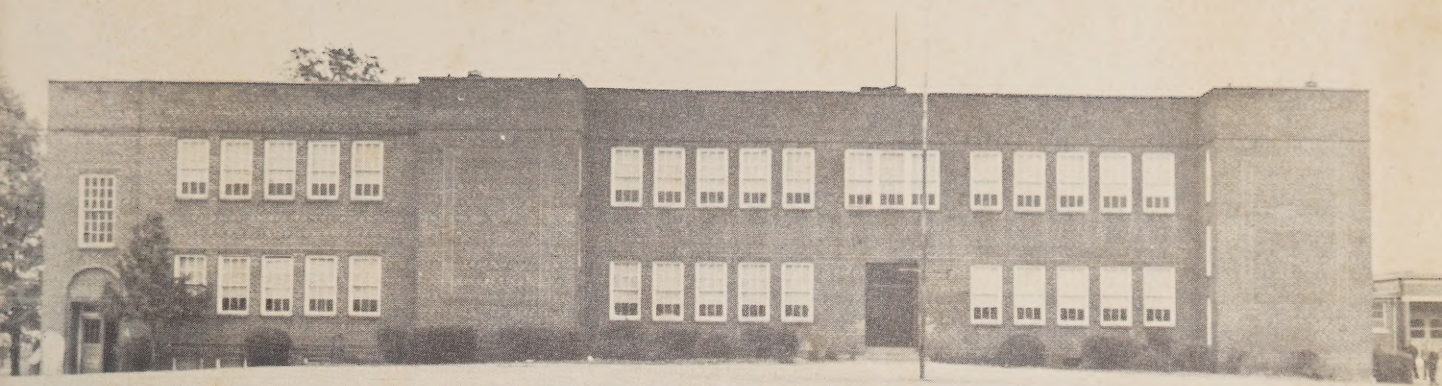
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1954



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SENIOR CLASS

Benton Heights High School

MONROE, NORTH CAROLINA





FOREWORD

Tomorrow our souls may sigh, for memories we've let slip by. In this volume of "THE HEIGHTS," we, the graduating class of nineteen-hundred and fifty-four, have put our most sincere efforts to restore those memories. Every day we are making history that will be our most treasured memories in years to come.

The purpose of this annual is to share those memories with anyone who opens these covers to get glimpse of what the class of '54 did.

THE EDITOR



DEDICATION

As we leave this dear place with light hearts and happy minds, we are proud to dedicate this annual, the 1954 edition of "*The Heights*," to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar W. Broome.

For their loyalty, understanding, guidance and devotion, we offer our sincere appreciation for their helping us reach one of the most important goals in our lives.



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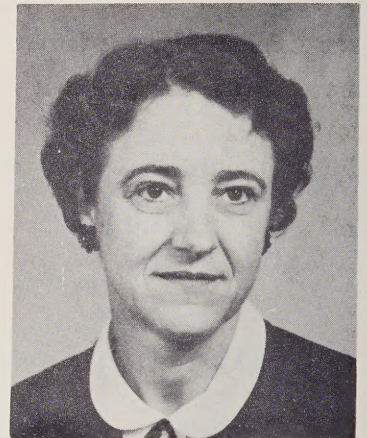
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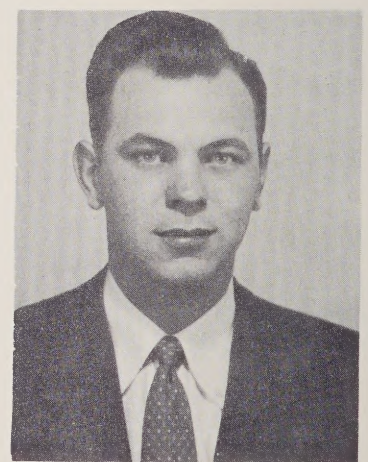
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A.B., Lynwood College
University of North Carolina
University of Virginia
Sixth Grade



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A.S.T.C.
Fifth Grade



MISS ANNIE WILLIAMS
Winthrop College
Fifth Grade



MISS PAT BENTON
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Fifth Grade

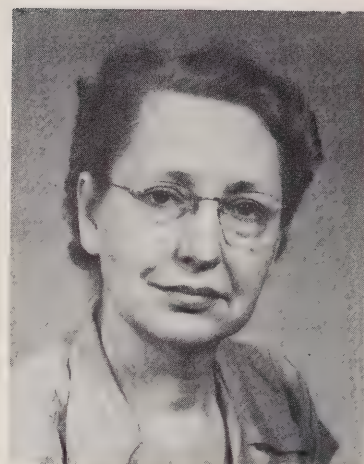
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MRS. MARGARET GOODE
B.S. of Music, Catawba College
Fourth Grade



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W.J.C., Wake Forest College
Fourth Grade



MRS. ANNIE HELMS
E.C.T.C.
Fourth Grade



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E.C.T.C.
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Second Grade



MRS. LYDIA GRIFFIN
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First Grade



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Davenport College
First Grade



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B.S., A.S.T.C.
First Grade



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PAM DAVIS
CHUCKY RIGGINS
Mascots



JERRY WEIR
Miss Hi Miss



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Mrs. Buddy Coan.



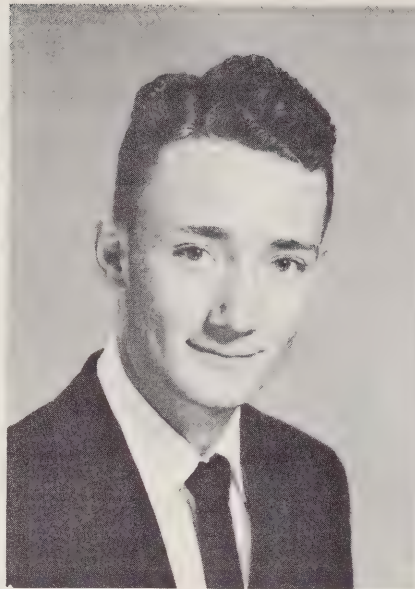
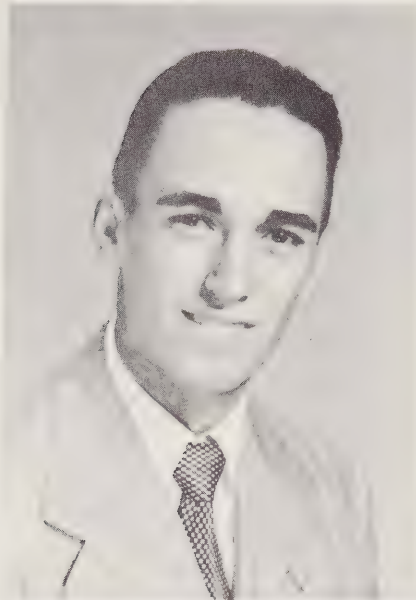
SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Left to Right—Seated—Shirley McGinnis, Secretary; Jerry Weir, Vice-President; W. C. (Bud) Mullis, President; Ruth Simpson, Treasurer. Standing—Geneva Helms, Social Chairman; Maurice Baker, Historian; Kay Kerley, Reporter.

SENIORS

MAURICE DIXON BAKER

Vice President 1; Glee Club 1, 2; Class President 2, 3; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3; Associate Editor "The Heights" 3; "Silas Smidge" Cast 3; Historian 3; Editor-in-Chief "The Heights" 4; Toastmaster Junior-Senior Banquet 3; Art Editor "The Hi-Lights" 4.



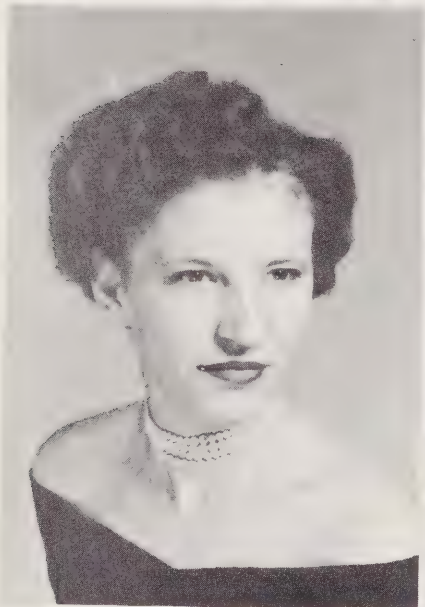
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Baseball 1, 3, 4; Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4; "Silas Smidge" Usher; Assistant Typist "The Heights" 4.



JOYCE JUANITA BYRUM

F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Library Club 3, 4; Treasurer 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4.



SHIRLEY ANN HAIGLER

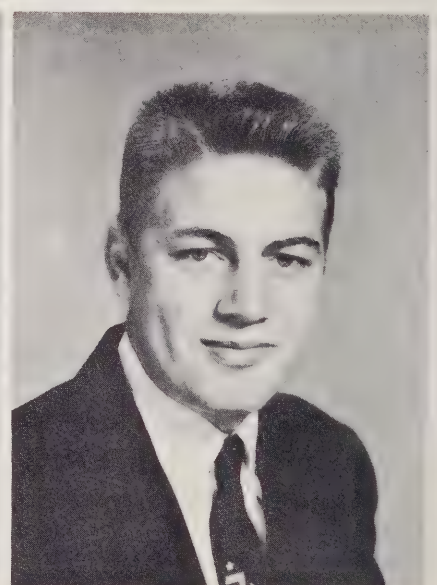
F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1; Cafeteria 2; Assistant Typist "The Heights" 4; "Elmer" Cast 3; "Silas Smidge" Prompter 3; "At the Turn of the Lane" Cast 2; Library Club 3; Beta Club Cast 4.

ROGER MARVIN HALL

Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1; Glee Club 1; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4.



MARY LENA GRAHAM



SENIORS



SHIRLEY ANN CRAIG

F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; "Elmer" Cast 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary 3, 4; Sports Editor "The Heights" 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 3; Student Council 3; "Silas Smidge" 3; Cafeteria 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Beta Club Cast 4; Library Club 3; Newspaper Staff 4.

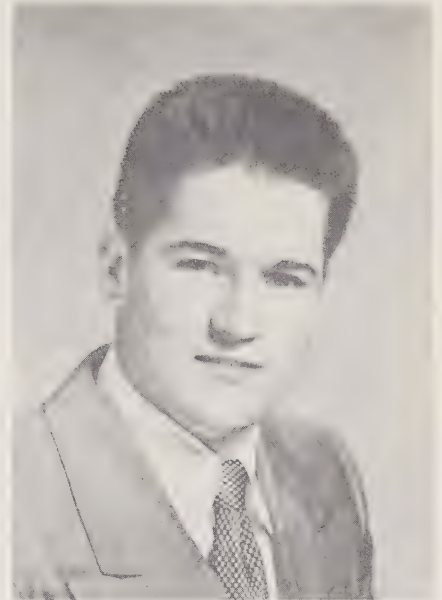


CLAUDIA ANNE CURLEE

F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Reporter 4; Cafeteria 1, 2, 3; Class Prophet, "The Heights" 4; Basketball 1.

ERVIN REYNOLDS ELMS

Marshall 1, 2; Glee Club 2; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; "The Heights" Staff 3; "Elmer" 3; Class Poet 4.



MARY GENEVA HELMS

Beta Club 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3; Cafeteria 2; Class Reporter 3; Social Chairman 4; Student Council 4; Annual Sales Manager 4; "The Lost Star" 1; "Elmer" 3; "Silas Smidge" 3; President, Library Club 3; Beta Club Cast 4.

ELIZABETH JOANNE HELMS

Beta Club 3, 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; "Silas Smidge" 3; "Elmer" 3; Library Club 3, 4; Beta Club Cast 4.

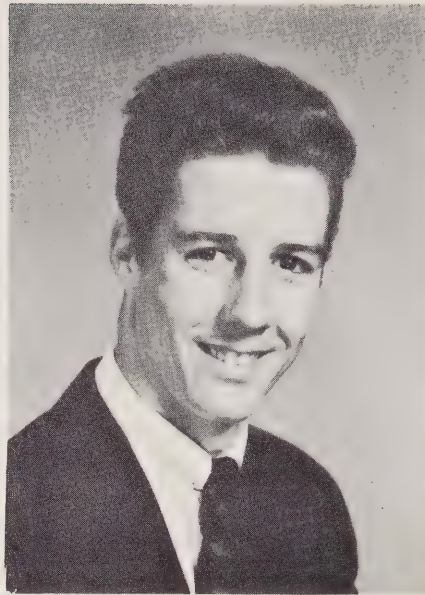


JOHN HALL (BILL) HELMS, JR.
Baseball 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; "The Turn of the Lane" 2; Student Council 2, 4; Boys' State 4; "Plantation Song" 3; Newspaper Staff 4; Advertising assistant of "The Heights" 4.



SENIORS

LINDA HELMS JONES
F. H. A. 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 4; Cafeteria 3; Library Club 4; Basketball 1.



JAMES MONTE HELMS
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Vice-President 3; Glee Club 1, 2; President 2; Class President 2; "Silas Smidge" cast 3; "Elmer" cast 3; Student Council 1, 2, 3; Vice-President 3; Secretary 2; Hi Lights Staff 2, 3, 4.



KAY FRANCES KERLEY
Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Reporter 4; Library Club 2, 4; Cafeteria 2; "Hi Lights" Staff 4.



GERTRUDE LYNN MCCAIN
F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Cafeteria 3; Library Club 3, 4.

RUTH NEAL McCLELLAN
Monroe High School 1, 2; F. H. A. 3, 4; Glee Club 3, 4; President 4; Class Treasurer 3; Library Club 3, 4; Secretary 3; Vice-President 4; Advertising Staff "The Heights" '4; "Silas Smidge" Cast 3; Cheerleader 4.

VIRGINIA LENELLE MANGUM
F. H. A. 1, 2, 3; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Snapshot Editor of "The Heights" 4; Basketball 1.



SENIORS



DORIS LEE KILGORE
F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Library Club 3, 4.



HELEN ELIZABETH LANEY
Prospect 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3;
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; 4H Club 1, 2, 3;
Junior Play 3; Club Editor "The
Heights" 4; F. H. A. 4.

JACKIE DONALD LOVE
Baseball 2, 3, 4.



BETTY ANN MCGINNIS
Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Secretary 3; Mon-
ogram Club 2, 3, 4; Reporter 4; Glee
Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Library Club 3, 4;
Social Chairman Assistant 4; F. H. A.
1, 2, 3, 4; Songleader 2, 4; Cafeteria
2, Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Chief 4; Mar-
shal 3, Class Secretary and Treasurer
1; High School Songleader 4; "Silas
Smidge" Cast 3; "Elmer" Cast 3; "The
Lost Star" Cast 1; "At the Turn of the
Lane" Cast 2; Associate Editor "The
Heights" 4; Distribution Assistant
"Hi-Lights" 4; Beta Club Play Cast 4.

SHIRLEY JEAN MCGINNIS
Monroe High School 1, 2; F. H. A. 3,
4; Beta Club 3, 4; Glee Club 4; Class
Secretary 4; Library Club 3, 4; Social
Chairman 4; "Silas Smidge" Cast 3;
Marshal 3; School Store Buyer 4; An-
nual Staff 4; Beta Club Cast 4; Of-
fice Assistant 4.



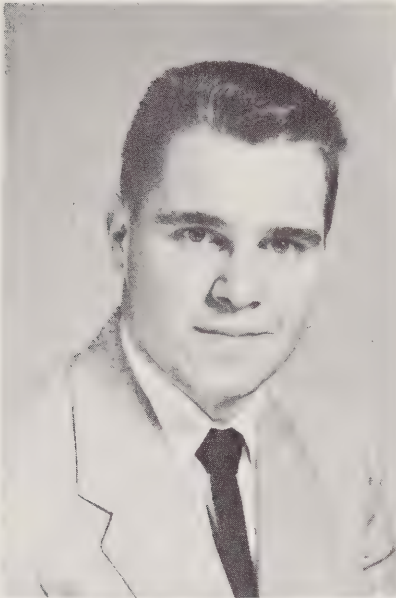
LILLIAN COLEEN MOORE
F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Parliamentarian 3;
Secretary 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Lit-
erary Editor "The Heights" 4; Usher
Junior Play 3; Library Club 3, 4; Dis-
tribution Assistant "Hi-Lights" 3;
Cafeteria 3; Student Council 2.



SENIORS

W. C. (BUD) MULLIS

Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 4; Student Council 1, 3; Class President 4; Class Vice-President 2; Beta Club Play Cast 3, 4; Printing Staff "The Hi-Lights" 3, 4; Comic Editor 4; "Silas Smidge" 3.



DORIS KATHLEEN PRICE

"Magnolia Blossom" 1; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3; Cafeteria 1, 2; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 4; Library Club 3, 4.



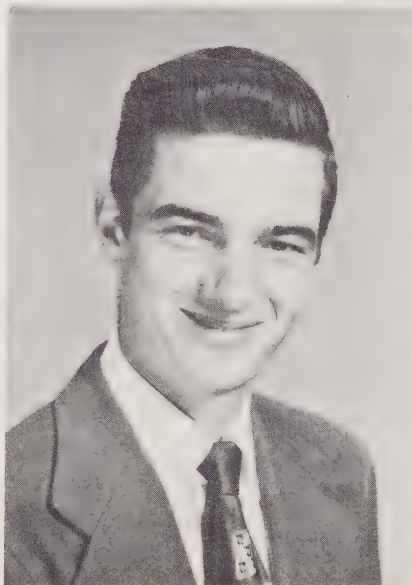
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F. H. A. 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Cafeteria 4.



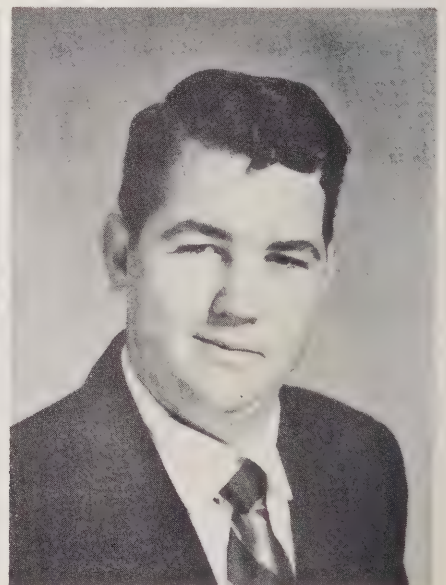
RUTH ELOISE SIMPSON

F. H. A. 1, 2, 4; Library Club 3, 4; Dramatics Club 2; Class President 2; Class Treasurer 4; Office Assistant 2; Distribution Manager "The Hi-Lights" 4.



EVERETTE KAY TAYLOR

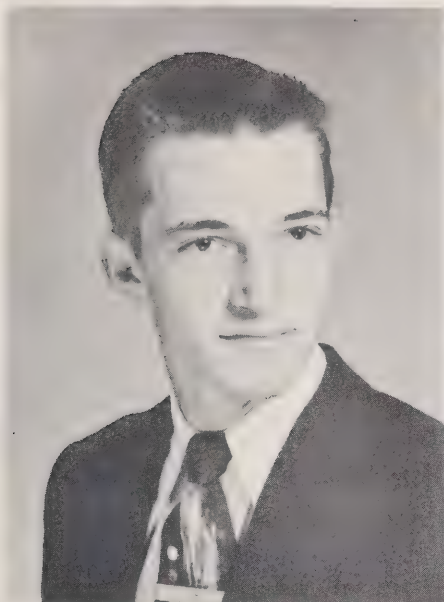
Glee Club 1, 2, 3; "Silas Smidge" 3; Bus Driver 4.



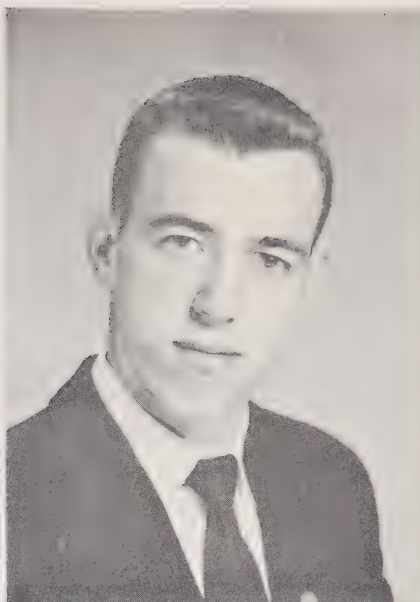
DAVID WAYNE TERRY

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; "The Turn of the Lane" 2; "Silas Smidge" 3; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Office Assistant 2; Picture Editor "The Heights" 4.

SENIORS



CALVIN LEE RICHARDSON
Glee Club 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2, 4.



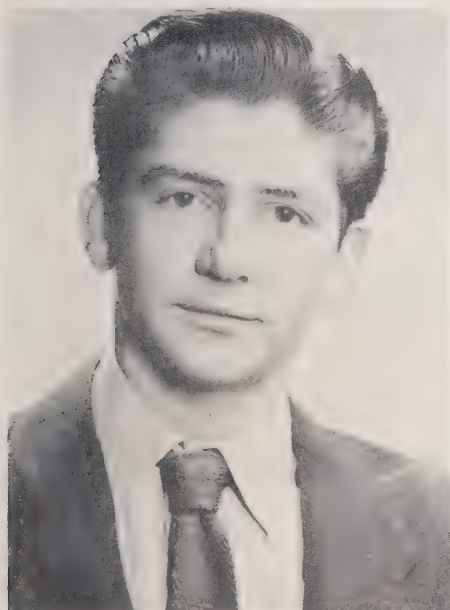
GARY WORTH RIGGINS
Baseball 2, 3, 4; Boy's State 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3.

DONALD SMITH RUMMAGE
Basketball 1, 2; Manager 3; Baseball 1; Glee Club 3; President 3; Sports Editor 3, 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; President 4; Monogram 3, 4; Advertising Manager 4; Student Council President 4; "Silas Smidge" 3; Class Secretary 3; Testator 4; Beta Club Cast 4.



JERRY LEE WEIR
F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Reporter 2; Anson-Union Reporter 4; Vice President 3; President 4; Acting Secretary District VI 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Secretary 4; "Elmer" Cast 3; Beta Club Cast 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Chief Typist "The Heights" 4; Class Vice President 3, 4; Miss Hi Miss 4; Marshal 1, 2; Chief 3; Associate News Editor "Hi-Lights" 3; Editor-in-Chief 4; Office Assistant 4; Printing Staff 4; Library Club 3, 4. Miss Benton Heights, 4.

JOHNY TSITOURIS
Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4; President Monogram Club 4; Advertising Assistant "The Heights" 4.



NELDA JEAN WILLIAMS
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Pianist 4; Cafeteria 2; Usher Junior Play 3; Homecoming Queen 3; "At the Turn of the Lane" 2; "Plantation Song" 3.

CLASS HISTORY



As seniors we are nearing our journey's end at Benton Heights were we have had many joyous experiences and good times together, and the ones who were responsible for our achievements were our ever understanding and helping teachers. As little as we thought of it at the time, our teachers and parents whose care we were in, were guiding us and doing their best to show us the way to success.

Our principal, Mr. Oscar W. Broome, who has a very important job and a great responsibility, has always endeavored to plan an educational program and activities as well, that will be most beneficial to us now and in later life.

This is the final year in our high school education and as we look back in years past in the lower grades, we can see many opportunities that we let slip by, but I think we can proudly say that we have had more achievements than failures, because we would not be at the close of the twelfth year of high school if this were not true.

Let's look back now in the days gone by when out of the past came the Senior Class of '54. The class had a membership of seventy-one in the beginning. Our most loyal teachers during this period were the following: Mrs. Baxter Benton, Mrs. Lydia Griffin—First Grade; Mrs. Alice Hawthorne, Mrs. Dale Moore—Second Grade; Mrs. Elizabeth Harrell, Mrs. James E. Hogan—Third Grade; Miss Mildred Outen, Mrs. Reba McCollum—Fourth Grade; Mrs. Flay Griffin, Miss Pat Benton—Fifth Grade; Miss Annie Williams, Miss Margaret Love—Sixth Grade; Mrs. Ruby Bivens, Mrs. Nell Correll—Seventh Grade; Mrs. Lane Teeter, Miss Christine Whitley—Eighth Grade. Thus far has completed our primary and grammar grades.

FRESHMAN YEAR:

Now this being the year of 1949 and our first year of high school we entered the Freshman class with a membership of forty-five with Mrs. B. B. Craig as sponsor. As class officers we selected Monte Helms—President; Maurice Baker—Vice President; and Betty Ann McGinnis—Secretary and Treasurer. Our Student Council Representatives were Evelyn Wooten and Bud Mullis. This year proved to be most exciting as we were beginning to learn a little about high school.

SOPHOMORE YEAR:

We entered the Sophomore year with Mr. Everette Hatley as sponsor. As we began the second year in high school our class was beginning to stand out and participate in the activities and various clubs.

This year the class elected the following officers: Maurice Baker—President; Monte Helms—Vice President; and Evelyn Wooten—Secretary and Treasurer. The Student Council Representatives were Coleen Moore and Bill Helms. Monte Helms was also secretary of the Student Council. The Beta Club claimed ten new members out of the class this year with the initiation of Betty Ann McGinnis, Geneva Helms, Jerry Weir, Shirley Craig, Leonelle Mangum, Shirley Haigler, Monte Helms, Bud Mullis, Ervin Elms, and David Terry.

Mary Lena Graham, who came from Denton, North Carolina, joined the class this year.

JUNIOR YEAR:

In the eleventh year, Mrs. Linda F. Hilton served as sponsor. We received the following new members this year: Shirley McGinnis and Ruth Neal McClellan from Monroe High School and Ruth Simpson from Fairview High School. Donald Rummage, who had been out of school for three years serving in the United States Navy, came back to join our class this year also.

We elected as class officers: Maurice Baker—President; Jerry Weir—Vice President; Donald Rummage—Secretary; Ruth Neal McClellan—Treasurer; and Geneva Helms—Reporter. Monte Helms was Vice-President of the Student Council and Shirley Craig and Bud Mullis were class representatives. The Beta Club accepted Joanne Helms and Shirley McGinnis. Donald Rummage was reinstated as an active member.

We were fortunate in having Reverend A. J. Cox, Pastor of the First Methodist Church in Monroe, as Guest speaker at the Junior-Senior Banquet in which the Faculty, Juniors and Seniors had a wonderful time together.

SENIOR YEAR:

Again in the final year Mrs. Hilton served as sponsor. The class officers were Bud Mullis—President; Jerry Weir—Vice President; Shirley McGinnis—Secretary; Ruth Simpson—Treasurer; Kay Kerley—Reporter; Geneva Helms—Social Chairman; and Maurice Baker—Historian. Donald Rummage was President of the Student Council with Geneva Helms and Bill Helms serving as class representatives.

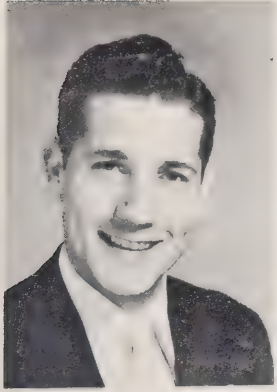
Helen Laney who came from Prospect High School received a welcome into the class.

The class now being thirty-six strong could have never reached the end of its High School journey if it had not been for the most capable leaders that we have had in these twelve years. To Mr. Broome goes our deepest appreciation for his most capable leadership in assisting us during our school life.

Now as we go out to face life on our own, some will leave home and some will stay, while others will go to college and continue their education. As we face our tasks from day to day may we face them as a Benton Heights Alumni should.

Maurice Baker
Historian

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT



We, the Senior Class of nineteen hundred and fifty-four, of Benton Heights High School, city of Monroe, county of Union, state of North Carolina, being of sound mind and realizing our impending departure from this school, are leaving, other work to do, we hereby declare and make this our last will and testament, but memories of Benton Heights will linger still.

Article I

To our principal, Mr. Oscar W. Broome, we wish to express our many thanks for the interest and leadership he has shown us during the past years.

Article II

To our faculty, we leave our deepest appreciation for their efforts toward increasing our wisdom.

Article III

To the undergraduates: To the Junior Class we leave the job of issuing the two great publications: The Heights and The Hi-Lights.

To the Sophomores and Freshmen, we leave our hopes that before long they will occupy the position that we now occupy.

Article IV

To the Class of nineteen hundred and fifty-five, we bequeath the honor and privilege of becoming seniors. To the rest of the students we leave our most treasured and loved gift, a great school.

1. Maurice Baker leaves his popularity to Charles Gordon.
2. Bobby Benton leaves his crazy driving to Jim Long.
3. Joyce Byrum wills her originality to Elizabeth Hasty.
4. Shirley Craig leaves her cuteness to Sue Marrone and her peppiness to Ruth Carnes.
5. Ann Curlee leaves her hopes to gain weight to Carol Smith.
6. Ervin Elms leaves his hop job to anyone who can buy a Buick from it.
7. Mary Lena Graham leaves her Algebra book to anyone crazy enough to take it.
8. Shirley Haigler wills her extra pounds to Helen Jarmon.
9. Roger Hall wills his wittiness to Max Hargette.
10. Bill Helms leaves his extra pounds to W. H. Privette and his ability to play right field to Johnny Gordon.
11. Geneva Helms leaves her big mouth and extra pounds to Sue Marrone.
12. Joanne Helms leaves her Chemistry book in good care, she's returning it to Mr. Hamilton.
13. Linda Helms just leaves.
14. Monte Helms leaves his job at Newberry's to anyone who would work for peanuts.

15. Kay Kerley leaves her favorite giggle to Angela Helms.
16. Doris Kilgore leaves her faithful shorthand book to Carol Smith.
17. Helen Laney leaves her boy friends in Chemistry to the up coming Senior girls.
18. Jack Love leaves his extra feet to Fred Helms and extra pounds to Herbert Derrick.
19. Lenelle Mangum wills her unselfish ways to Helen Crooke.
20. Gertrude McCain leaves her job at Woolworth's to Louise Williams.
21. Ruth Neal McClellan leaves her talkativeness to anyone with a big mouth and her shorthand book to Louise Williams.
22. Betty Ann McGinnis leaves her flirty ways to Mary Marrone.
23. Shirley McGinnis leaves her ability to attract Indian Trail boys to Ruth Carnes.
24. Coleen Moore leaves her attractiveness to Mary Rose and her neatness to Myra Tucker.
25. W. C. "Bud" Mullis leaves his ability to play third base to Jimmy James and his job at night to anyone wanting it.
26. Earl Price bequeaths his lazy ways to Junior Simpson.
27. Kathleen Price leaves her ability to pass notes in class to her sister, Irene.
28. Shirley Quick leaves her English book to anyone who likes English.
29. Calvin Richardson keeps his voice, but leaves his un-dependability to James Helms.
30. Worth Riggins leaves his curly hair to his brother Kenneth.
31. I, Donald Rummage leave my neatness to Clark Rummage.
32. Ruth Simpson leaves her quietness to Myra Tucker in hopes that Benton Heights will be a much quieter place in '55.
33. Everette Taylor leaves his mischievous ways to Hugh Mac Watkins.
34. David Terry leaves his courteous ways to the up coming Freshman.
35. Johnny Tsitouris leaves his athletic ability and his good looks to Ronald Rummage.
36. Jerry Weir leaves her superlatives most studious and most capable to Frankie Herring.
37. Nelda Jean Williams leaves her musical talent to all the musicians in our band.

We hereby appoint Mrs. Linda F. Hilton, our annual advisor, as sole executor of this, our last will and testament.

Witnesses:

Bobby Benton
Jerry Weir

Attorney

Donald Rummage

SUPERLATIVES



RUTH NEAL McCLELLAN
Most Talkative



BILL HELMS
Biggest Pest



COLEEN MOORE
Most Attractive



LENELLE MANGUM
Most Unselfish



EVERETTE TAYLOR
Most Mischievous



JERRY WEIR
MAURICE BAKER
Most Dependable



NELDA JEAN WILLIAMS
MONTE HELMS
Most-in-Love



BETTY ANN MCGINNS
MONTE HELMS
Best Dressed



JERRY WEIR
Most Business Like
Most Likely to Succeed
Most Capable
Most Studious
Most Industrious



JOANNE HELMS
MAURICE BAKER
Most Courteous

SUPERLATIVES



EARL PRICE
GERTRUDE McCAIN
Laziest



MONTE HELMS
BETTY ANN MCGINNIS
Class Wolf
Biggest Flirt



RUTH SIMPSON
Quietest



BUD MULLIS
Best Sport



NELDA JEAN WILLIAMS
Most Talented
Most Musical



CALVIN RICHARDSON
Biggest Show-Off



BETTY ANN MCGINNIS
MAURICE BAKER
Most Popular



BETTY ANN MCGINNIS
JOHNY TSITOURIS
Best Date



ANN CURLEE
MAURICE BAKER
Friendliest



KATHLEEN PRICE
JOHNY TSITOURIS
Most Athletic

SUPERLATIVES



JOYCE BYRUM
Most Original



SHIRLEY CRAIG
*Cutest
Peppiest*



JOANNE HELMS
Most Dignified



BETTY ANN MCGINNIS
Most Conceited



JOHNNY TSITOURIS
JOANNE HELMS
Best Looking



ROGER HALL
Wittiest



COLEEN MOORE
DONALD RUMMAGE
Neatest



DAVID TERRY
MARY LENA GRAHAM
Most Bashful



JACK LOVE
SHIRLEY CRAIG
Biggest Baby



MAURICE BAKER
GENEVA HELMS
*Best All-Round
Best Personality*



CLASS PROPHECY

Today when I visited the campus of our old Alma Mater on the sixth anniversary of our graduation, my eye fell on the Iris garden which was planted by our class on our graduation day. The dew drops, still on the petals, reflected the sunlight and the brightness of them reminded me of the brilliant success which had befallen each of my classmates. As this reflection caught me day dreaming, I saw in each dew drop an image of my classmates. The reflection showed me that:

Maurice Baker is now editor of the South's leading newspaper "*The Southern Sun*."

Bobby Benton is working on the research of the new jet motor which is to be introduced in the 1960 Ford.

Joyce Byrum is still with Belk's as an expert fur designer.

Shirley Craig is teaching figure skating at the local skating rink which will now accommodate five hundred skaters.

Erwin Elms is manager of the Dixie Home Store in Rock Hill.

Mary Lena Graham has just published her third volume of *Advanced College Algebra*.

Shirley Haigler is now married to Mike and living in California where Mike is in the Navy.

Roger Hall is seen driving a different car every day since he has taken over Hall Motor Company.

Bill Helms is making a top lead singing on Arthur Godfrey's T.V. show.

Geneva Helms and her husband Johnny are running a dude ranch which is a popular vacation resort in the West.

Joanne Helms is a registered Nurse in the Memorial Hospital in Charlotte.

Linda Helms Jones is a successful bridal consultant at Macy's in New York since her own wedding was such a fashion filled event.

Monte Helms is N.B.C.'s, number one, Television Star.

Kay Kerley is a successful stenographer for Hall Motor Company.

Doris Kilgore has risen from the drive-in category to dietitian for the S & W Cafeteria.

Helen Laney has finally hit on a formula in Chemistry on how to make instant Pepsi's.

Jack Love is now touring the country presenting a new businessman's course of Public Speaking.

Lenelle Mangum is now a well-known news photographer.

Gertrude McCain now owns her own beauty salon.

Ruth Neal McClellan is one of T.V.'s top commentators on foreign affairs.

Betty Ann McGinnis is now originator of the current rage of costume jewelry.

Shirley McGinnis is now the efficient secretary who keeps everything going while Jack Love is on his tours.

Coleen Moore is make-up director for Universal-Motion Pictures.

W. C. "Bud" Mullis has gone down in Baseball's hall of fame since he topped Babe Ruth's home-run record.

Earl Price has convinced the nation that his theory proves work is nothing to be afraid of since he lies down beside it and goes to sleep.

Kathlee Price is the star who won the "oscar" for the most outstanding movie actress this year.

Shirley Quick is now in charge of the orphanage for refugee children.

Calvin Richardson has formed a quartet of his own which has stolen the show from the once popular Rangers' Quartet.

Worth Riggins is now arranging music featured in the current Hillbilly Hits.

Donald Rummage is now a successful dance instructor at Arthur Murray's studio.

Ruth Simpson has at last put her shorthand ability to work as David's secretary.

Everette Taylor is now manager of a nation-wide scenic tour bus line.

David Terry is owner of Terry's Drug Store, formerly known as Secrest Drug Store.

Johny Tsitouris is pitching professional baseball for the Dodgers with a salary of \$6,000 a month.

Jerry Weir is married to Bill, and teaching typing at Wingate High School, Wingate, N. C.

Nelda Jean Williams is now teaching public school music in one of New York's largest schools.

CLASS PROPHET
ANNE CURLEE

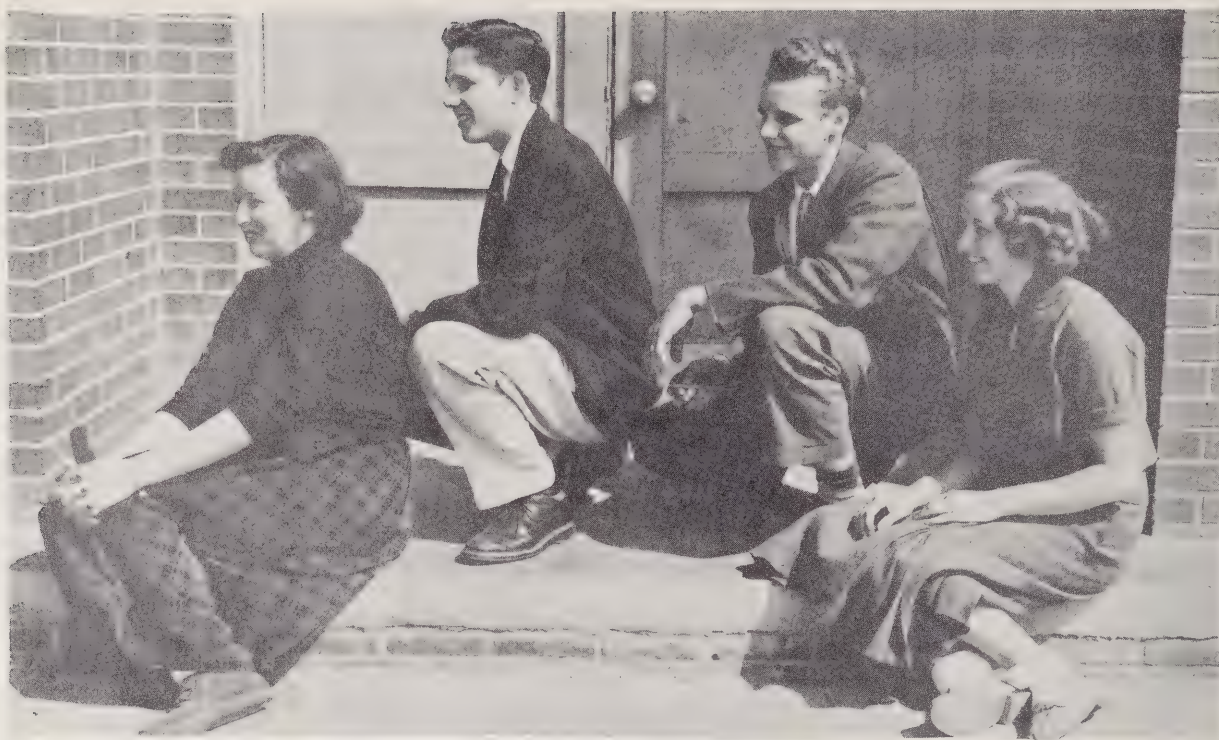


CHILDHOOD

Left to Right—First Row—Joanne Helms, W. C. (Bud) Mullis, Joyce Byrum, Bobby Benton, Roger Hall. Second Row—Nelda Jean Williams, Calvin Richardson, David Terry, Jerry Weir, Maurice Baker. Third Row—Linda Helms Jones, Kay Kerley, Anne Curlee, Monte Helms. Fourth Row—Kathleen Price, Betty Ann McGinnis, Shirley Haigler.

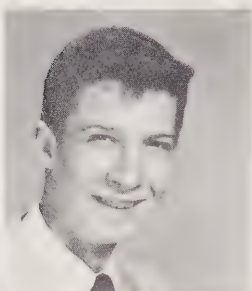
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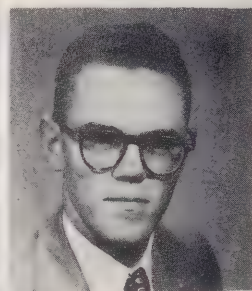
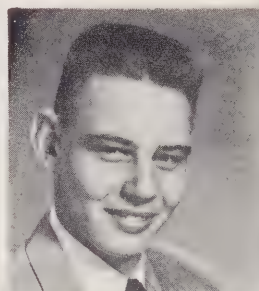
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Harry Boone

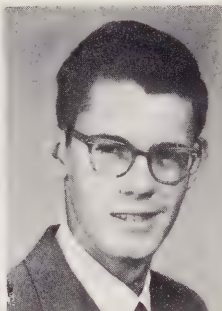
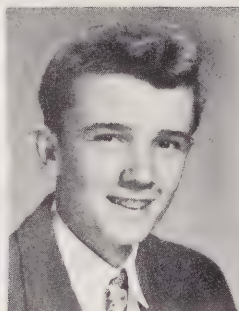
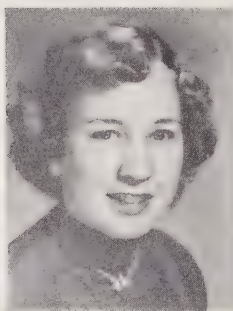
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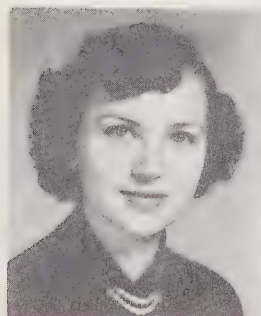
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Ellis Ferguson



Kenneth Griffin

Elizabeth Hasty

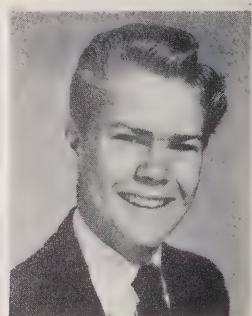
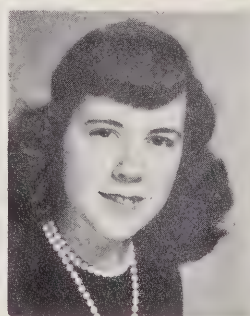


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Barbara Helms

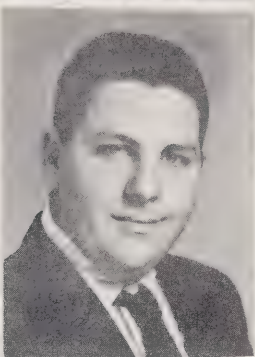
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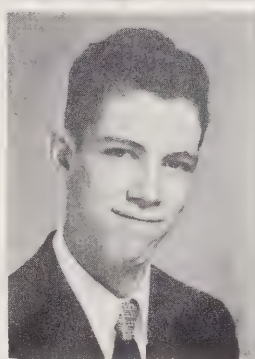
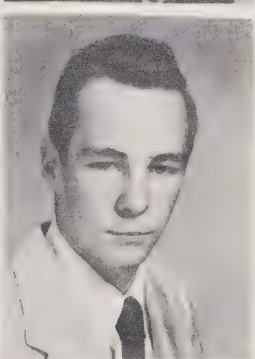
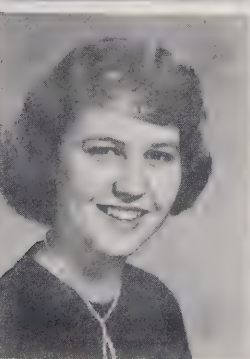
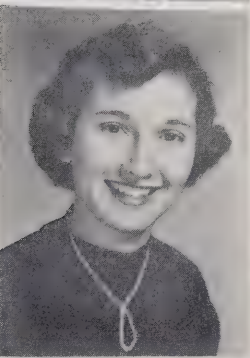
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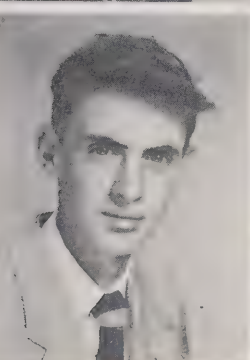
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Ronald Helms
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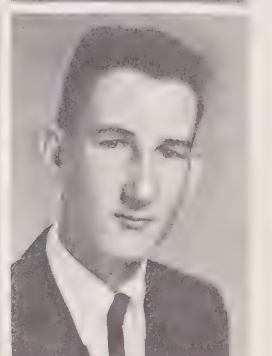
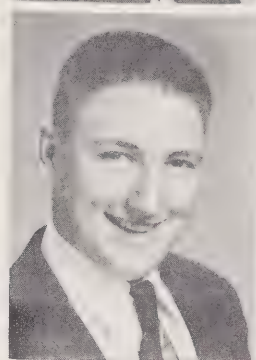
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Irene Price
Reba Price
Joyce Shuman
Junior Simpson
Carol Smith



Center:
Hugh Mac Watkins
Roy Williamson
Absent—Donald Pate



Dorothy Keziah
Jim Long
Larry Moore
Bobby Mullis

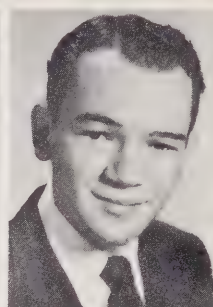
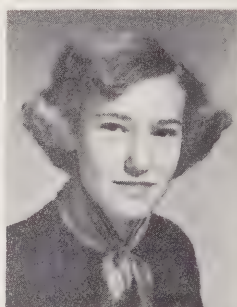
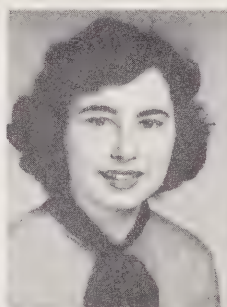


Jean Tarlton
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David Walker

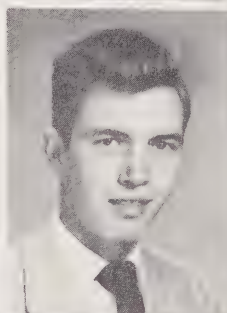
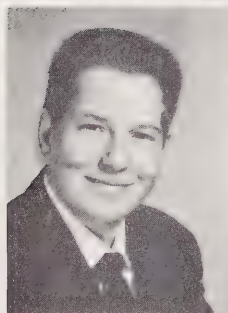


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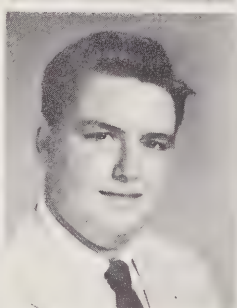
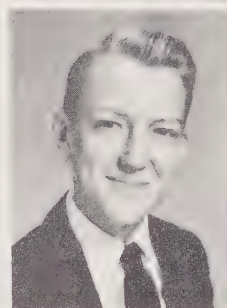
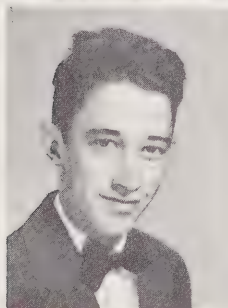
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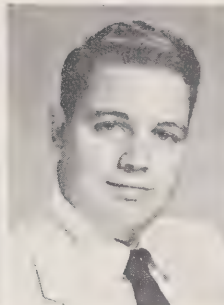
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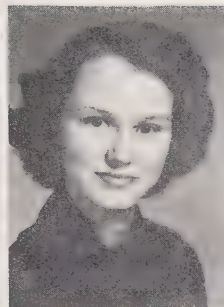
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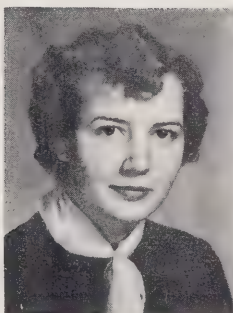
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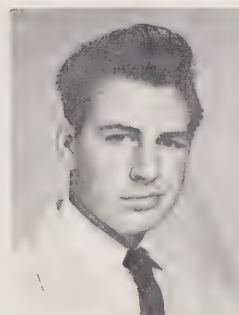


Verna Stanton
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Ruth Surratt
Alice Tarlton



R. E. Tarlton

Absent—Margie Moser





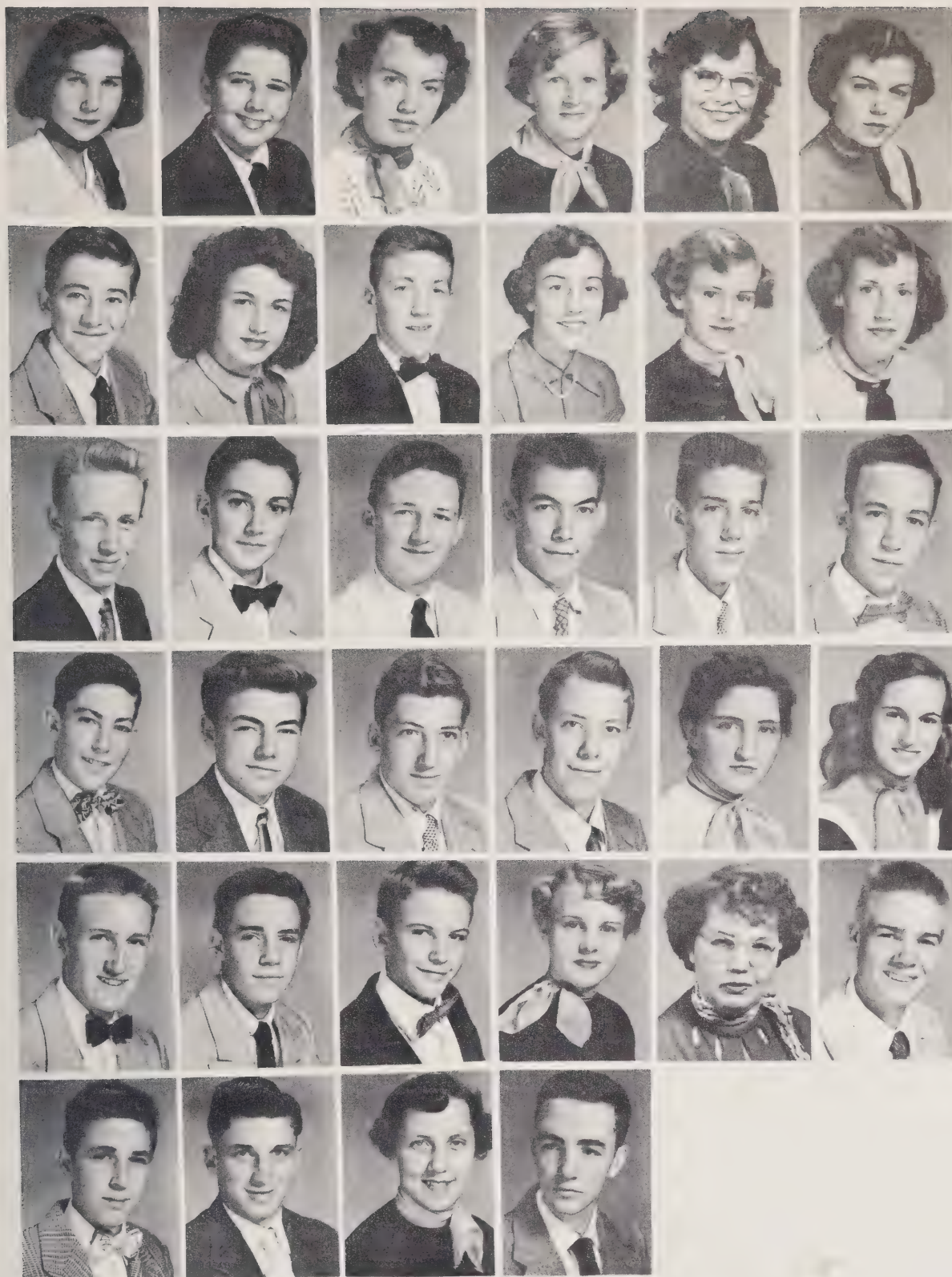
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Secretary and Treasurer—Mary Marrone; Vice-president—Richard Broome; President—Jerry Little. Sponsors—Mrs. B. B. Craig and Mrs. N. B. Nicholson.



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Absent—Franklin Broome, Joanne Broome, Warren Helms, Johnny McDowell, Bobby Mullis, Max Starnes, Ted Wortman.

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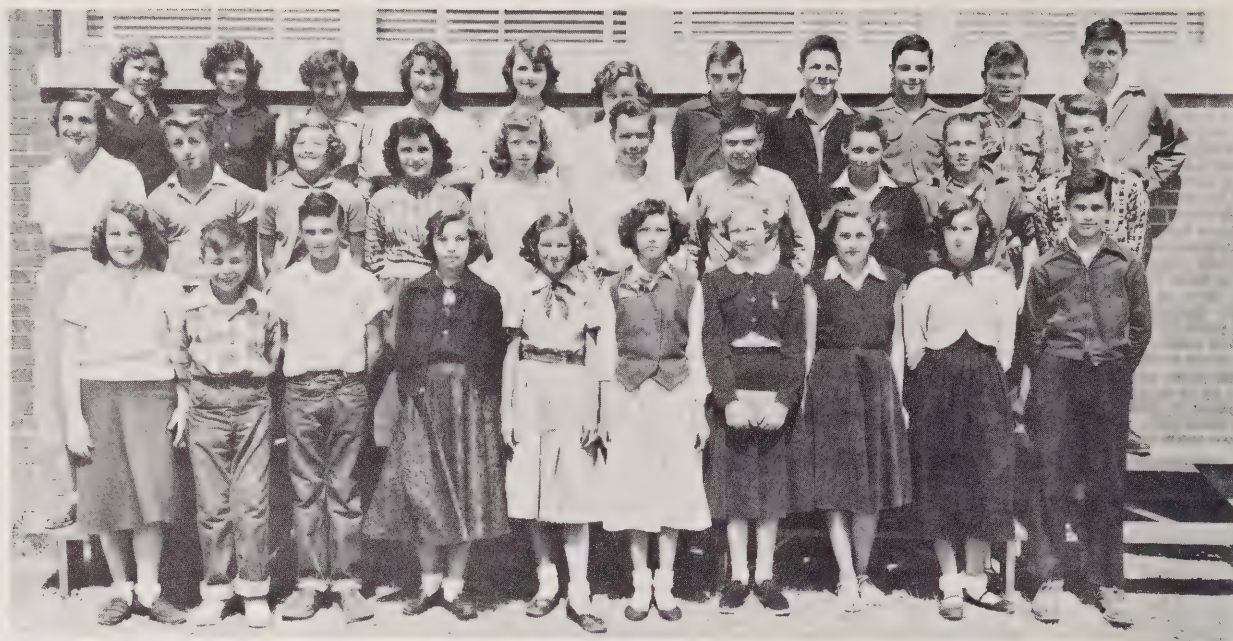




LITTLE AND JUNIOR BENTON HEIGHTS

DONNIE MARRONE
Little Miss Benton Heights

SYLVIA TEAGLE
Junior Miss Benton Heights



MRS. RALPH SMITH, *Eighth Grade*

Left to Right—First Row—Doris Henderson, Johnny Mack Taylor, James Pressley, Linda Tucker, Peggy Hammond, Shirley Williamson, Kay Hilton, Marilyn Lindsay, Shirley Ferguson, Clyde Yeargin. Second Row—Mrs. Smith, Phillip Ross, Linda Trull, Harriet Jane Helms, Jean Holly, J. Vann McManus, Carrol Eury, Buddy Broome, Wayne Price, Eddie Elmore. Third Row—Brenda Griffin, Julia Helms, Shirley Helms, Patti Pressley, Judy Simpson, Kay Furr, Jimmy Eury, Jerry Helms, Whitty Broome, Raymond Griffin, David Lowery.

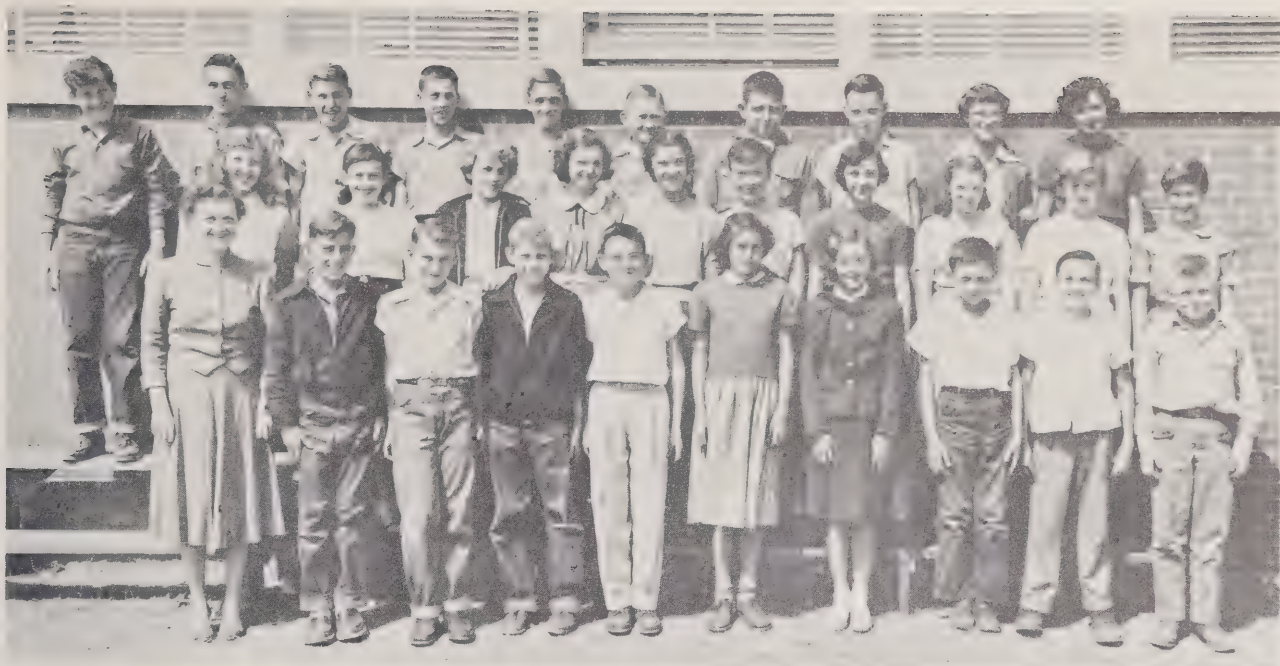
Absent—Tommy Smith, Bonnie Eudy, Donna Sue Long, Maurice Trull.



MR. JAMES McQUAGE, *Eighth Grade*

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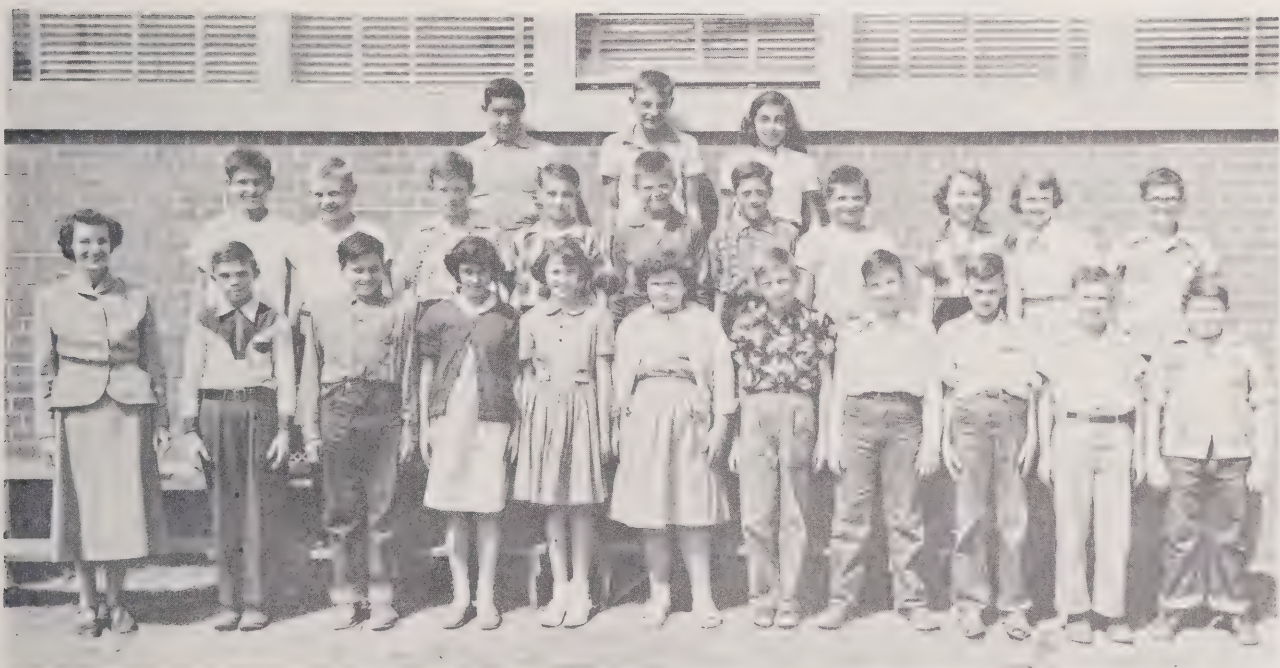
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MRS. BRUCE BIVENS, *Seventh Grade*

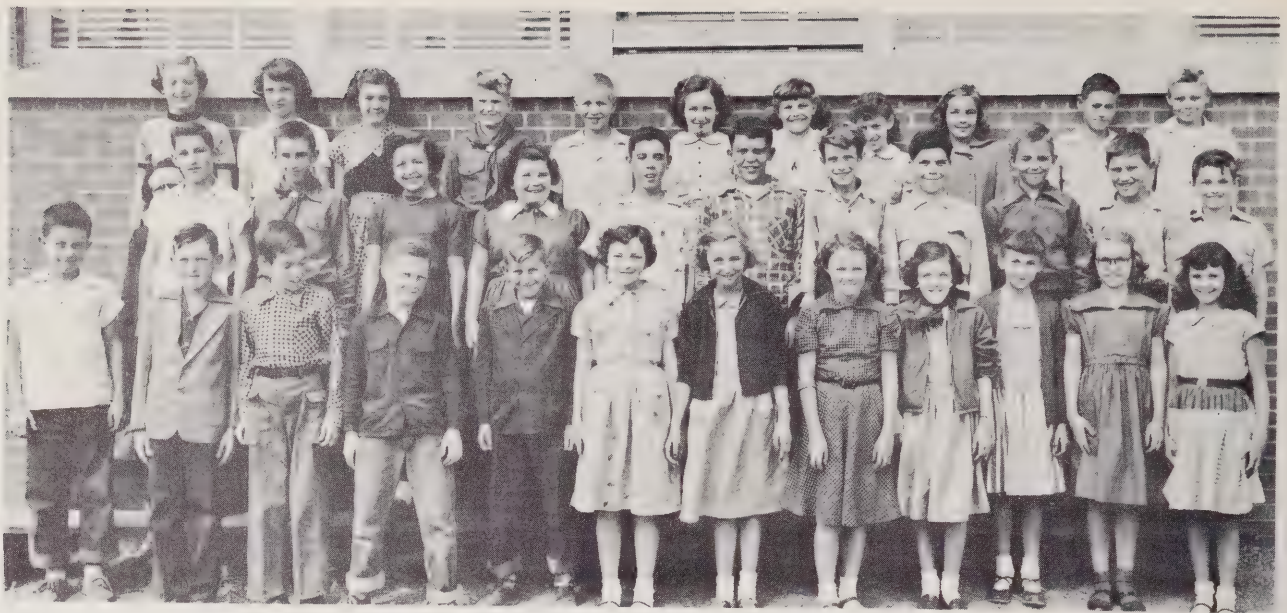
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Absent—Dorothy Keziah, Wade Stegall, Jimmy Carpenter, M. T. Helms, Lou Ellen Yeargin, Rachel Melton, Johnny Alford.



MRS. MATTIE COBB, *Seventh Grade*

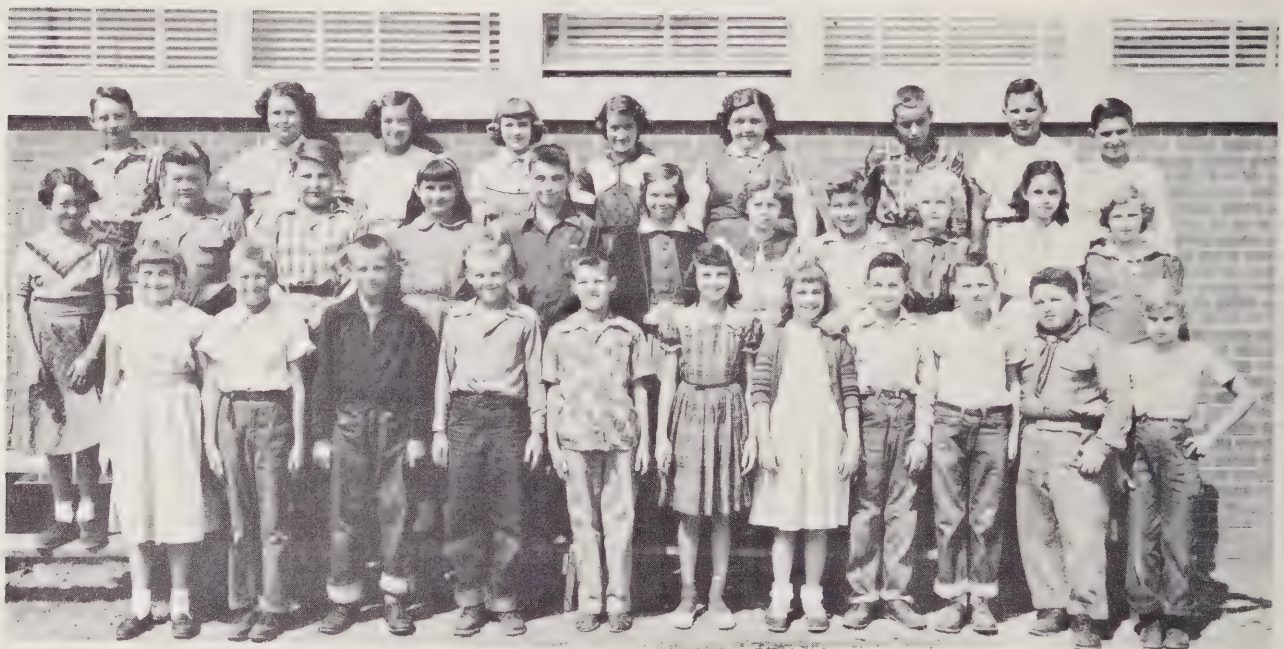
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MISS CLARA PURSER, *Sixth Grade*

Left to Right—First Row—Billy Williams, Tommy Drake, L. M. Helms, Avery Henderson, David Sikes, Linda Montgomery, Mary Helms, Fannie Speer, Jean Hamilton, Hilda Wooten, Brenda Helms, Joyce Rowell. Second Row—Miss Purser, Mitchell Pressley, Winston Dean, Betty Rose Broome, Brenda Ferguson, Wayne Lewis, Charles Huss, George Ratliff, Tom Helms, Ronald Helms, Acie Helms, Billy Ray Griffin. Third Row—Paula Riggins, Alice Faye Sells, Brenda Tucker, Winston Lovelace, John Wayne Broome, Jane Ross, Brenda Kay Huneycutt, Julia Renegar, Brenda Sherrin, Lee Aycoth, James Bradley.

Absent—James Scott.



MISS MARGARET LOVE, *Sixth Grade*

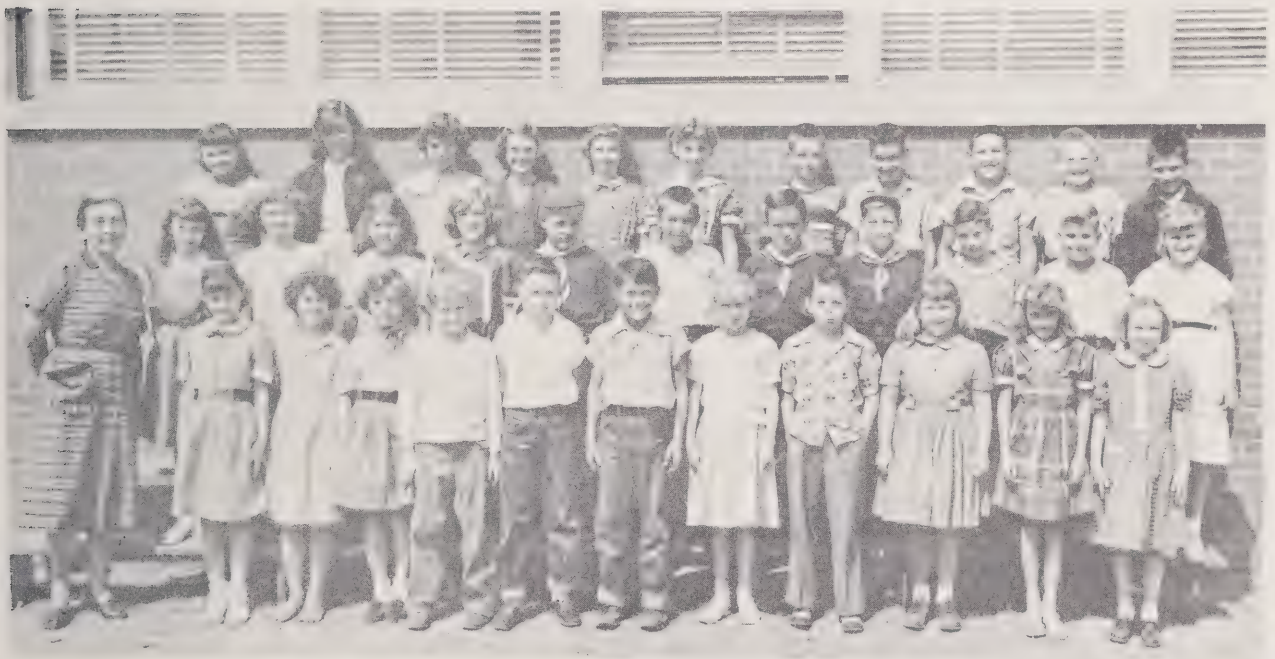
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Absent—Phyllis Helms, Gene Scott, C. A. Stancil, Pat Love.



MRS. EUGENIA CRAWFORD, *Fifth and Sixth Grades*

Left to Right—First Row—Joe Keziah, Harry Polk, Wade Pate, Ronald Love, Ann Hargett, Phyllis Cook, Linda Helms, Kathryn Underwood, Robert White, Burrel Funderburke. Second Row—Louise Baucom, Patsy King, Brenda Ross, Helen Plyler, Phyllis Price, Barbara Mills, Nancy Helms, Carol Hammond, Charles Outlaw, James McDowell.



MISS ANNIE WILLIAMS, *Fifth Grade*

Left to Right—First Row—Sybil Helms, Joyce Pressley, Carolyn Holshouser, Richard Quick, Olin Simpson, Billy Wooten, Nancy Walden, Harold Helms, Dianne Baker, Hazel Hargett, Jane McCrorie. Second Row—Carolyn Bass, Lynda Mullis, Phyllis Harrington, Mary Carson McGhee, Bobby Moore, Ted Melton, Richard Hargett, Jerry Spittle, Jerry Pressley, Frankie Tarlton, Helen Melton. Third Row—Linda Elliott, Mary Elizabeth Hobbs, Lynn Caudill, Norman Holshouser, Frances Gamble, Andrea Price, Jerry Rape, Robert Hobbs, Gordon Shannon, Jerry Barry, Larry Graham.



MISS PAT BENTON, *Fifth Grade*

Left to Right—First Row—Lorraine Keziah, Richard Williams, Eugene Price, Kenneth Mullis, Gedis Hope Broome, Eddie Richardson, Carol Helms, Ted Helms, James Mills, Charles Cunningham, Dennis Elmore. Second Row—Eugene Osborne, Phillip Holmes, Gerald Shuman, Ronnie Helton, Larry Whitley, Henry Elliott, Nancy Crook, Patsy Williams, Joyce Gaddis, Nancy Jo Helms. Third Row — Paul Plyler, Weldon Crook, Sam Presson, Jacquelin Starnes, Margaret Ross, Phyllis Benton, Judith Shuman, Joyce Howard, Judy Elms.

Absent—James Hargett, Jimmy Ferguson, Sammy Mullis, Patricia Moser.



MRS. HAL GOODE, *Fourth Grade*

Left to Right—First Row—Mrs. Goode, Polly Williams, Judy Ross, Kay Hargett, Dennis Harkey, Granville Broome, Barbara Funderburk, Carole Terry, Roger Hunter, Shirley Drake, Kenneth Haigler, Alma Wallace, Loretta Huneycutt. Second Row — Nancy Hargett, Joyce Hasty, Ann Funderburk, Jimmy Parks, Billie Carter, Gary Small, Woody Surratt, Warren Staggars, Kenneth Keziah, Mickey Mills, Judy Ann Helton, Ann Lewis. Third Row—Tim Broome, Bahnson Lovelace, Ronnie Nash, Jimmie Baldwin, D. L. McDonald, Gene Helms, Patricia Haywood, Brenda Crook, Linda Gordon, Carole Pressley.

Absent—Dannie Simpson, Frankie Helms, Margaret Long, Faye Eudy.



MISS MILDRED OUTEN, *Fourth Grade*

Left to Right—First Row—Thomas Cunningham, Jane Tucker, Glenda Rae Whitley, James Rogers, Vernon Nash, Sharon Simpson, Janice Helms, Darrell Helms, Jerrilyn Greene, Johnny Pressley, Walden Starling, Fred Hammill, Ann Pate. Second Row—Larry Price, Billie Sue Lindsay, Linda Long, Judy Herring, Carole Helms, Nancy Quick, Sammy McDowell, Sammy Holley, Phyllis Walker, Mady Simpson, Donald Price. Third Row—Brenda Hammond, Ann Patterson Renegar, Donnie Lawrence, Johnny Norris, Dennis Pressley, Kenneth Helms, Tommy Ross, Paul Helms, Horace Broome, J. C. McRorie, George Coan.

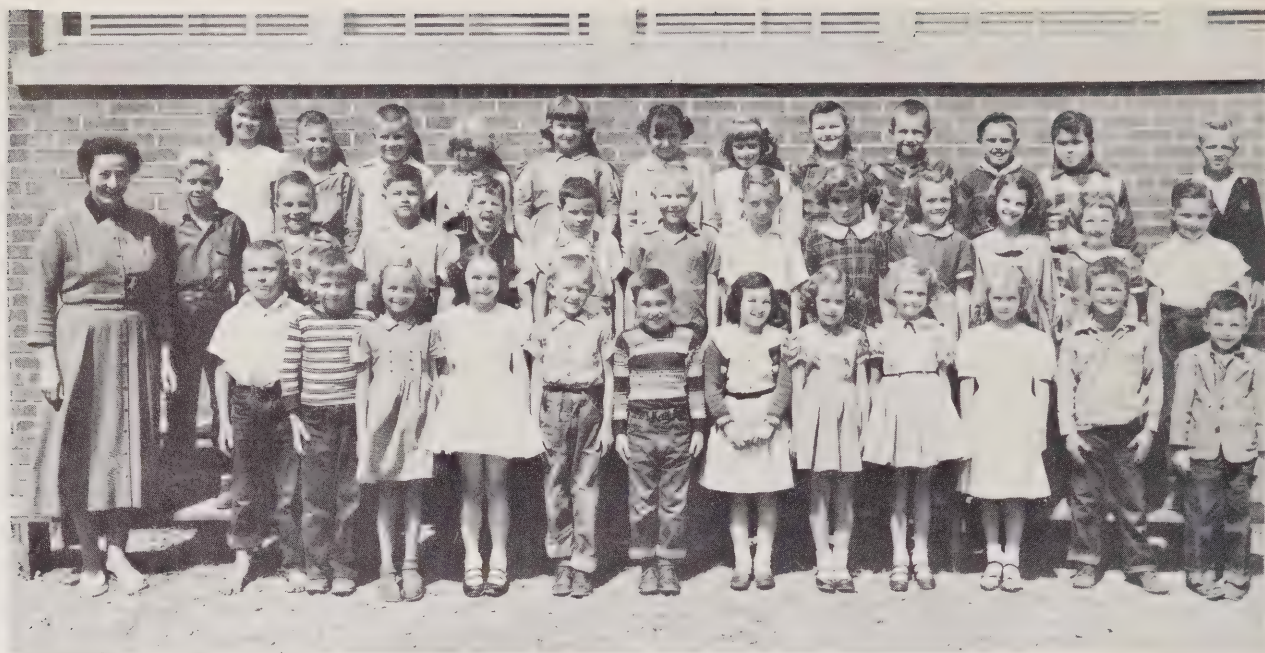
Absent—Edward Carpenter, Gertrude McLemore, Ray Van Price.



MRS. ANNIE S. HELMS, *Third Grade*

Left to Right—First Row—David Hobbs, James Hargett, Tommy Craig, Lou Helms, Lucy Quick, Jackie Hamilton, Elizabeth Baldwin, Diane McFerren, David Simpson, Henry Helms, George White, Rickey Taylor. Second Row—Jimmy Williams, Nancy Lou Helms, Randolph King, Diane Helms, Linda Davis, Walter Tucker, Elizabeth Howie, Rebecca Helms, Judy Hargett, Larry Elms, Richard Baker. Third Row—Judy Parton, Wayne Broome, Tim Pressley, Larry Campbell, Sandra Mangum, Derrell McCain, Mary Helms, Edward Howie, Larry Speer, Betty Pressley, Patricia Bickett, James Braswell.

Absent—Jack Deese, Frieda Broome.



MRS. FLAY GRIFFIN, *Third Grade*

Left to Right—First Row—Jesse Pressley, Kenneth Graham, Betty Sue Tarlton, Martha Tarlton, Timothy Quick, Ronald Helms, Jo Ellen Cook, Linda Little, Brenda Gaskins, Freeda Walden, Smith Ferguson, Jerry Tomberlin. Second Row—Rodney Williams, James Tomberlin, Loyd Tucker, Lynn Temple, James Pate, Ted Keziah, David Price, Sharleene Deese, Jean Elliot, Judy Smith, Bobbie Diane Griffin, Jerry Stegall. Third Row—Billy Jean Keziah, Keith Presson, Bobbie Brantley, Diane Love, Nancy Lovelace, Susan Dean, Brenda Earp, Eugene Blalock, Clyde Hargette, Neal Price, Michael Helms, Sammy Holley.



MRS. CLARA COBLE, *Second Grade*

Left to Right—First Row—Douglas Brothers, Sue Davis, Violet Blanchard, Linda Pressley, Colby Price, Janet James, Carol McCain, Kay Stanton, Mike Medlin, Di Ann Richardson, Artie Melton, Betty Mills. Second Row—Jackie Hasty, Edwood McDonald, Ray Holley, Wayne Ramsey, Bobby Earp, Carolyn Ross, Billy Trull, Marsha Wortman, James Helms, Kay Eudy, Nancy Haywood. Third Row—Faris Barbee, Iris Broome, David Gordon, Walter Griffin, Carol Simpson, Edwin Ratliff, Melvin Kissiah.

Absent—Frankie Aycoth, Charles Long, Judy Stegall, Jerry Carpenter, Betty Scott.



MRS. DALE MOORE, *Second Grade*

Left to Right—First Row—Myra Harkey, Eddie Pressley, James Mullis, Jack Helms, Curtis Mullis, Thomas Harrington, Danny Pressley, Eddie McCoy, Brenda Tarlton, Carolyn Derrick. Second Row—John Bass, Violet Simpson, Day Melton, Kenneth Wortman, Patricia Hinde, Brooks Moore, Barbara Freeman, Gail Gurley, Kay Hill, Nancy Renegar, Barbara Moore, Elaine Helms, Norris Gen Nash, Kay Whitley, Brenda Griffin, Polly Quick, Dean Taylor.

Absent—Nancy Coan, Dianne Helms, Louis Scott Jr.



MRS. LYDIA GRIFFIN, *First Grade*

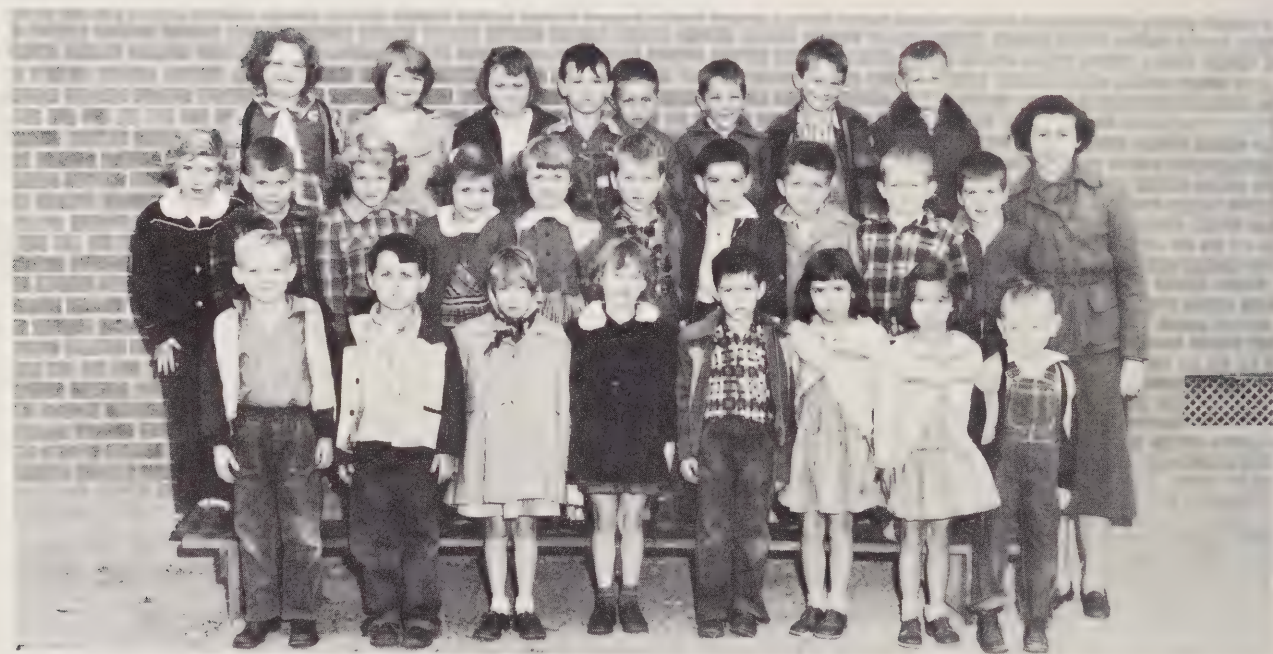
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Absent—Micheal Helms, Carol Scott, Pamela Brown.



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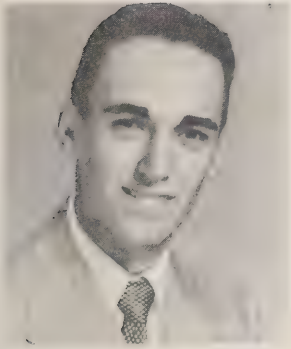
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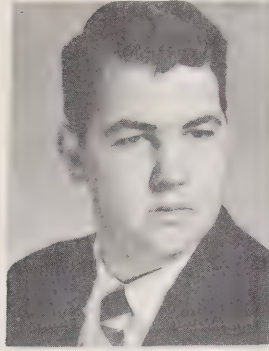
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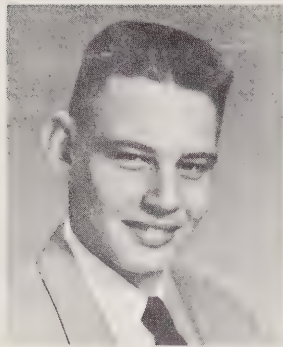


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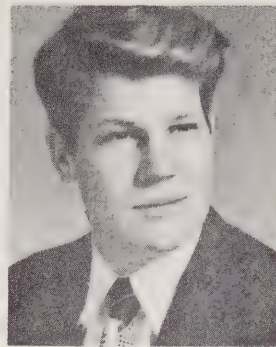
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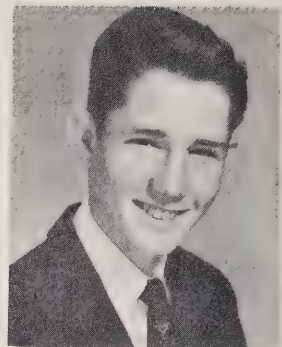
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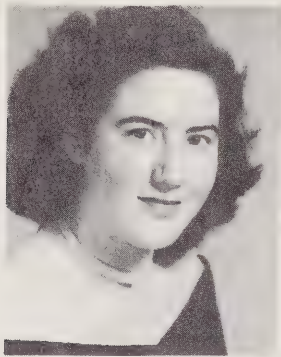
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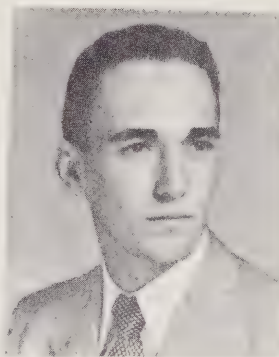
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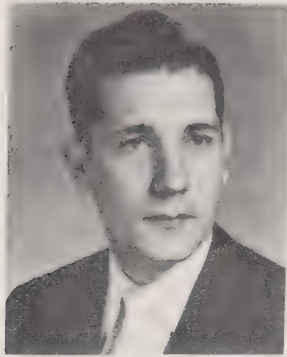


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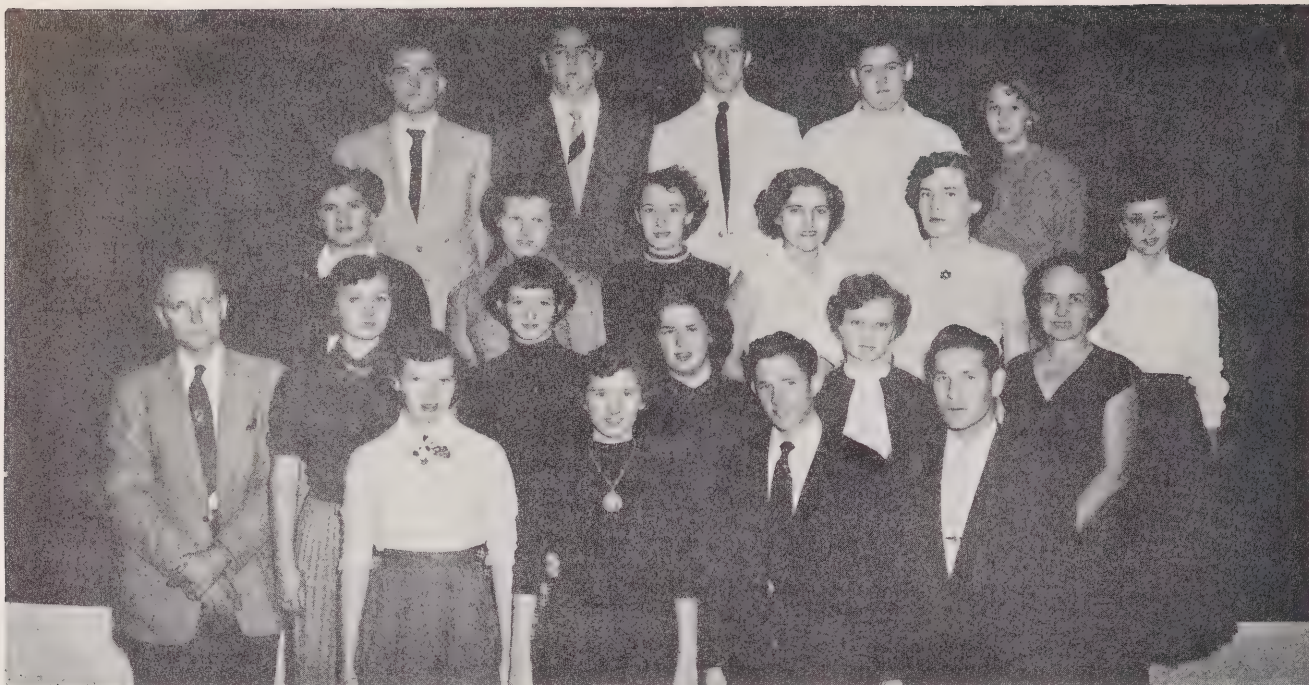


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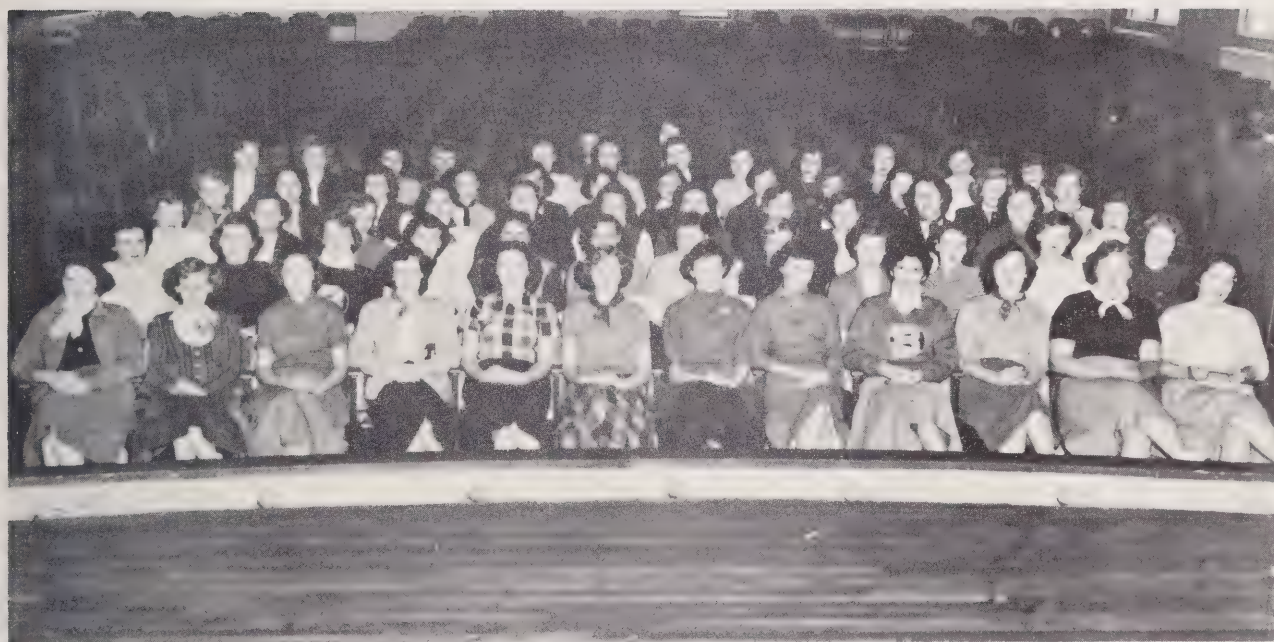
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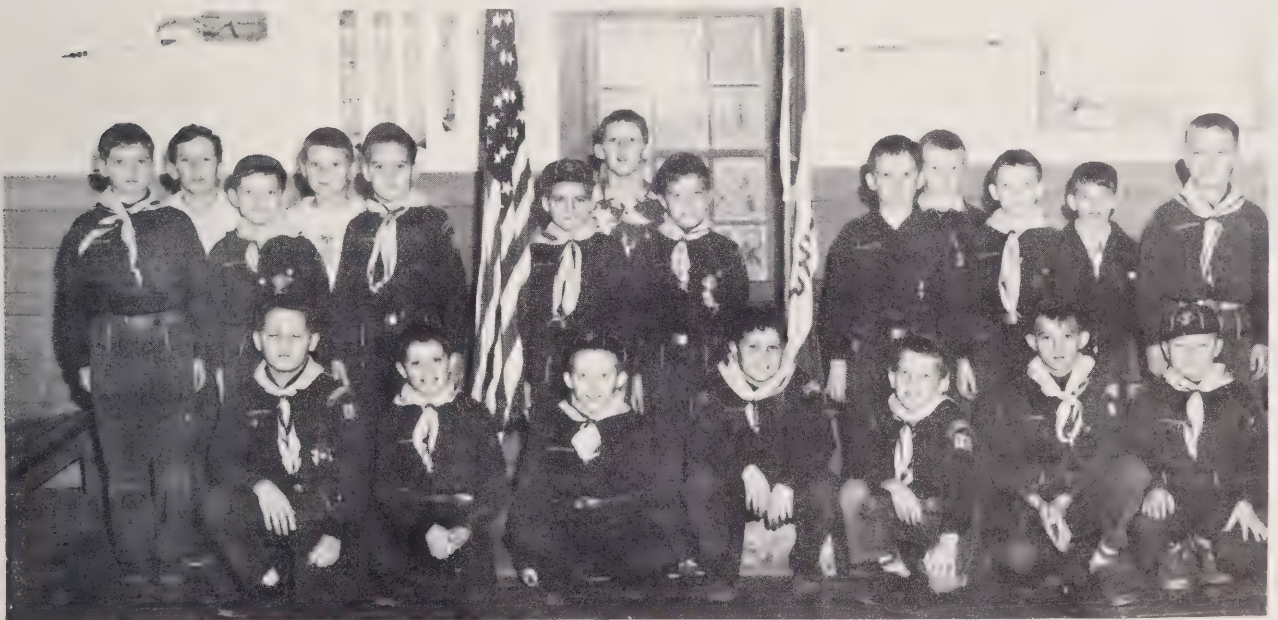


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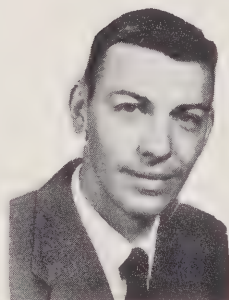
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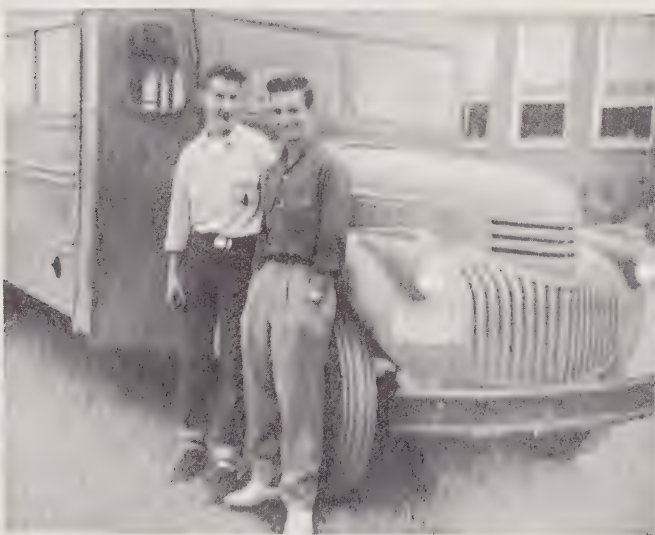


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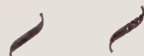
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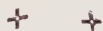


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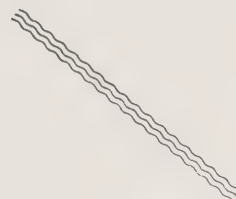
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and Tom,
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Committee
Angela Newton
Jean Dorrton
Lil Lady
Nancy Caskey
Bobbie Mullis
Donald Tate

Miss Lathan I appreciate
you trying to stuff short form
into my hard head. Maybe
some day I'll be able to
take it down and use it.
Mrs. Leany Newton
(Angela Helms)

Mr. Nathan,
I have enjoyed
being in your
class this year
Best of luck always,
Jean

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We have had loads
of fun together
this year. You
are a wonderful
teacher. Keep up the
good work.

Love Ya
Mickey Jones

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